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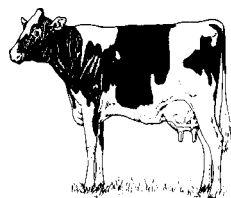
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MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

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Maryland milk production increased by 2.6 percent in 2002 to 1,327 million pounds. The rate per cow for 2002 is 16,383 lbs, an increase of 303 pounds from 2001. The annual average number of milk cows is down to 81,000 cows, 1,000 head less than last year. Milk cash receipts for 2002 totaled \$174 million, decreasing 16 percent from 2001.



Producer returns per hundred weight averaged \$13.20, 19 percent below last year. Of the 10 million pounds milk used on producer farms, 7 million pounds were fed to calves and 3 million pounds were used for household consumption.

production increased 3 percent in 2002 to 170 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 18,571 pounds, was 412 pounds above 2001. The annual average number of cows on farms, at 9.14 million head, was 27,000 head more than 2001. Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2002, at \$20.5 billion, was 17 percent below 2001. Producer returns averaged \$12.19 per hundredweight, 19 percent below 2001. Marketings totaled 160 billion pounds, 3 percent above 2001. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.14 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 6 percent less than 2001. Calves were fed 86 percent of this milk with the remainder consumed in producer household.

U n i t e d S t a t e s m i l k

MILK DISPOSITION, INCOME AND VALUE, MARYLAND, 1998 - 2002

Year	Combined Marketings				Milk Used on Farms Where Produced			Gross Producer Income ⁴	Farm Value of Milk Produced ⁵
	Milk	Average Returns ¹		Cash Receipts From Marketings	Fed to Calves ²	Milk Utilized	Value ³		
		Per 100 Pounds Milk	Per Pound Milk Fat						
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>----Dollars----</i>		<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	
1998	1,331	15.70	4.25	208,967	6	3	471	209,438	210,380
1999	1,335	15.00	4.02	203,250	7	3	450	203,700	204,750
2000	1,341	13.50	3.59	181,035	7	3	405	181,440	182,385
2001	1,284	16.20	4.43	208,008	7	3	486	208,494	209,628
2002	1,317	13.20	3.55	173,844	7	3	396	174,240	175,164

¹ Cash Receipts divided by milk or milkfat represented in combined marketings.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Used for milk, cream and butter where produced, valued at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream.

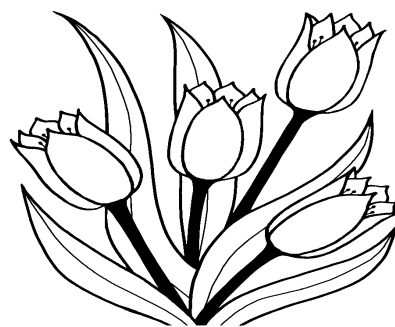
⁴ Cash Receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and farm churned butter.

⁵ Includes value of milk fed to calves.

FLORICULTURE

The Floriculture Survey is conducted annually in 36 states, covering over 40 floriculture crops including cut flowers, flowering potted plants, foliage, bedding/garden plants, and cut cultivated greens. The survey is limited to operations that grow and sell \$100,000 or more of floriculture crops.

A copy of the full report can be obtained at www.usda.gov/nass/ or by calling 1-800-675-0295.



Floriculture Crops: Wholesale Value of Sales, Maryland 1998 - 2002 ^{1,2}				
Category	Potted Flowering Plants	Bedding/Garden Plants	Foliage for Indoor or Patio Use	Total
<i>1,000 Dollars</i>				
1998	6,971	38,145	744	45,860
1999	6,843	38,145	0	44,988
2000 ³	7,261	43,812	2,406	53,479
2001	8,417	46,731	371	55,519
2002	8,421	60,276	191	68,888

¹ For Operations with Annual Sales of \$100,000 or more.

² Equivalent wholesale value of all sales.

³ Total data for 2000, 2001 and 2002 are not comparable to earlier years. Total sales of propagative materials were added in 2000.

Bedding Plants: Quantity Sold and Wholesale Value of Sales, Maryland, 2002 ¹		
Plant Type	Quantity Sold	Wholesale Value of Sales ²
	<i>1,000 Flats</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Impatiens, Flats	229	1,230
Marigolds, Flats	89	534
Pansy/Viola, Flats	277	1,856
Petunia, Flats	150	900
Other Flowering & Foliar Type Bedding Plants, Flats	375	2,321
Vegetable Type Bedding Plants, Flats	85	721

¹ For Operations with Annual Sales of \$100,000 or more.

² Equivalent wholesale value of all sales.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received by Maryland farmers for the month of May were up for crops. The wheat price increased ten cents to \$2.92 per bushel. Barley was up seven cents to a price of \$2.29 per bushel. Soybeans moved up thirty-nine cents to \$6.24 per bushel. Livestock prices

were mixed. Calf prices were up to \$79.50 per cwt and beef cattle had a thirty cent per cwt decrease. Hog prices increased to \$33.90 per cwt.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ¹								
Commodity	Maryland and Delaware				United States			
	UNIT	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003	Parity Prices
<i>Dollars</i>								
Wheat, Winter	BU	2.53	2.72	2.92	2.73	3.19	3.32	9.66
Corn	BU	2.28	2.78	2.88	1.93	2.34	2.44	6.60
Barley	BU	1.50	2.22	2.29	2.24	2.87	2.90	6.53
Soybeans	BU	4.70	5.85	6.24	4.64	5.82	6.19	14.40
All Hay, Baled	TON	144.00	172.50	159.00	103.00	94.50	99.20	-----
All Beef Cattle	CWT	64.70	72.60	72.30	65.10	74.60	74.90	161.00
Calves	CWT	98.50	75.30	79.50	99.50	99.10	99.30	216.00
Hogs	CWT	29.40	30.00	33.90	33.20	34.80	40.60	102.00
Milk, Fluid MKT	CWT	13.60	-----	-----	12.10	11.10	11.10	33.40
Chickens ²	LB	0.087	0.081	0.081	-----	-----	-----	-----
Broilers	LB	0.353	0.298	0.351	0.300	0.310	0.330	-----
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.494	0.597	0.484	0.301	0.520	0.397	1.58

¹ Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price

² Does not include broilers

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED			
United States 1990 - 92 = 100			
Index and Ratios	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003
All Farm Products	96	101	107
All Crops	105	111	121
Feed Grain & Hay	95	107	112
Oil Bearing Crops	83	*104	111
Fruits & Nuts	106	*95	112
All Livestock and Livestock Products	89	*94	96
Meat Animals	85	96	99
Dairy Products	93	*84	85
Poultry and Eggs	92	99	100
Ratio ¹	78	79	84
Price Paid Index	123	128	127

*Revised

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index prices paid.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

Maryland laying flocks produced 64 million eggs during April 2003, of which 61 million were table eggs and 3 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 78.5 percent. The average number of layers on hand during April 2003 was 2,715,000. On May 1, 2003, 3.5 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 32.5 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during April 2003 up slightly from last year. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2003 averaged 336 million, down slightly from

a year earlier. Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 37.5 million, down 1 percent from April 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.8 million on May 1, 2003, down 3 percent from a year ago. The April 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 761 million, was down 1 percent from April of the previous year. There were 646 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2003, down 1 percent from April 2002.

EGGS AND LAYERS: APRIL 2002 and 2003			
Item	2002	2003	2003/2002
Eggs Produced During April	<i>-----Million-----</i>		<i>Percent</i>
U.S.	7,105	7,129	100
Maryland	70	64	91
Layers, Average Number During April	<i>-----Thousand-----</i>		
U.S.	336,776	335,807	98
Maryland	3,141	2,715	86
Eggs/100 Layers During April	<i>-----Number-----</i>		
U.S.	2,911	2,529	87
Maryland	3,233	2,908	90